

## WILL OPPOSE SMITH

Republicans at Annapolis  
Embarrass Democrats.

## DECLINE TO CAST THEIR VOTES

Maryland State Senators and Members of House of Delegates Cause Surprise When Balloting for United States Senator Begins—Fight Will Be Carried to Floor of Senate.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., March 24.—The Republican members of the Maryland legislature sprung something of a surprise on their Democratic colleagues to-day, when at the hour of noon both houses were called upon to vote for a candidate to fill out the unexpired term of United States Senator William Pinkney Whyte, by declining to cast their vote for any candidate of their party.

The Democrats, who are in the majority in the legislature, in caucus last night unanimously decided to vote for John Walter Smith, who has already been elected for the long term beginning March 4 next, for the unexpired term of Senator Whyte also, which ends on that date, and it had been generally expected that the Republicans would place in nomination Congressman William H. Jackson to receive the poll of their party.

This morning, however, matters assumed a different turn, and word went forth from the Republican leaders to pursue other tactics; and, instead of voting for a man of their party, the Republican senators and members of the house alike asked to be excused from voting.

## Explain Their Position.

In doing so, several of the members explained that they thought the legislature was overstepping the bounds of the constitution, which provides that the election of a Federal Senator shall be made prior to the second Tuesday before the close of a legislative session, and that, therefore, to elect at this time was illegal. As each of the Republican Senators and delegates chose to refrain from voting, the Democrats made a motion to have their action so recorded on the Journal.

This action on the part of the Republicans was received as something of a surprise, and it was regarded by many persons as an attempt to place the State in an even more embarrassing position than it is at present, since it is generally known that the Federal Senate will refuse to recognize Smith's credentials under any circumstances.

However, both bodies of the assembly will meet jointly at noon to-morrow and the election of ex-Gov. Smith will be formally ratified, and the question of whether or not he is legally entitled to his seat will be left with the Senate, as Gov. Crothers states that under no circumstances will he call an extra session of the legislature to properly elect to fill the Senatorial vacancy.

## BURN STORE TO HIDE MURDER.

Burglars Believed to Have Caused Death of John T. Wood.

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Meherrin, Va., March 24.—John T. Wood, twenty years old, and the son of John Wood, living at Nutbush, was murdered in his store at that place last night, after which the building was burned to conceal the crime. The murder is thought to have been committed by burglars, as the store had been entered three times within the past twelve months. Wood slept in the building.

Last night flames from the burning house attracted the attention of a party of men camping near by, who first gave the alarm. Mr. and Mrs. Wood, parents of the murdered man, were among the first to respond. The father broke in the door and there saw his son, with his head crushed in with an axe, propped lifeless against the wall. Smoke and flames filled the apartment, and the body was already frightfully burned. The ax lay alongside the corpse.

The great sheet of flame rising from the center of the floor was due to several gallons of oil which had been poured there. Rain fell in torrents on the outside, and the night was very dark. On account of the rain, bloodhounds could not be used. Nutbush is about six miles from this place.

## Will Have Joint Ticket Office.

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Lynchburg, Va., March 24.—After a conference here to-day between W. B. Beville, general passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway; J. D. Potts, assistant general passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio; and L. S. Brown, general agent of the Southern, it was agreed to close two of the uptown ticket offices on May 1, and in future maintain a joint agency.

## See Revival of Business.

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Richmond, Va., March 24.—Railroads generally report a steady decrease in the number of idle box cars and an equally steady increase for gondola, or coal, cars. The increase is said to be equally divided throughout the country. When asked to-day if the demand for coal cars was on account of an impending strike of the miners in the spring, one of the best posted officials in the State said that such was not the case. He said that the demand for coal cars in this section was purely because of the steady revival of industries.

## Mrs. Emma Clift Dead.

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Lynchburg, Va., March 24.—Mrs. Emma Clift, widow of Rev. Josiah Clift, is dead. She was seventy-two years old, and was a native of Norfolk, but had lived here since 1856. She is survived by one son, Mr. Josiah Clift, and three daughters, Mrs. Annie M. Bass, of Cantonville, Md.; Mrs. R. L. Smith, of this city; and Mrs. James E. Nowlin, of Baltimore.

## Thief Steals Judge's Coat.

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Baltimore, March 24.—A bold thief went into the halls of justice and removed the coat of a judge of the Superior Court who was sitting on a case yesterday afternoon. While Judge Dobbin was conducting a trial in the Superior Court, someone entered his private room and took his overcoat, valued at \$50.

## Alleged Assailant Gets Bond.

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Hagerstown, Md., March 24.—Howard Waters, the young married man lodged in jail here yesterday on the charge of attacking fourteen-year-old Martha Hoffman, was given a hearing this afternoon before Justice Hoffman. Waters was released on \$500 bond, which was furnished by his father.

## Washington Couple Married.

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Rockville, Md., March 24.—Joseph Renshaw and Miss Mary Elizabeth Fedro, both of Washington, were married here to-day by Rev. Ernest L. Wolf, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

## MISS BENTLEY TO WED.

Engagement of Montgomery County Girl Is Announced.

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Boys, Md., March 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Bentley, of Ashton, Montgomery County, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Bentley, to Poe Robinson, of Sandy Spring, this county. The wedding is to take place in June.

The wedding of Julian Boyd Waters, brother of Bowie F. Waters, present State's attorney, and Miss Mary Eleanor Cissell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humphrey Cissell, of Darnestown, is to take place in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Boys' Presbyterian Church, of this place, has let the contract for some exterior work.

## BYRD LIQUOR LAW ENFORCED

Bartender at Winchester Fined \$50  
for Selling to Intoxicated Negroes.

Secret Service Men Work Up the Case—Firebug Sentenced to Prison for Seven Years.

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Winchester, Va., March 24.—The Byrd liquor law, which prohibits the sale of intoxicants to drunken people, idiots, and epileptics, was enforced here to-night for the first time since its passage recently by the Virginia legislature, when Justice Wilson, in police court, fined Hollie McCoy, bartender in Perry Purcell's saloon, \$50 and costs for selling liquor to several intoxicated negroes.

An exciting fight occurred at the saloon last night and after two negroes had been heavily fined secret service men worked up a strong case against Bartender McCoy. The Byrd law was framed by Speaker Richard Evelyn Byrd, of the house of delegates, who resides in Winchester, Va.

Green Wilson leaped with joy in the Circuit Court at Berryville to-day when the jury returned a verdict committing him to the penitentiary for seven years. He had been found guilty of burning the occupied house of Charles Jackson, of Millwood, at night, and knew that the crime was punishable by hanging. The jury took pity on him and Wilson thanked the jury for the verdict.

Robert H. Long, seventy-five years old, the first merchant of Stephens City, this county, died last evening at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Wardsville, Va., where he had resided many years. During the civil war he was a lieutenant in the First Virginia Infantry. Several children survive, among them being Editor F. Long, of the Tribune, Keyser, W. Va.

## BISHOP WILSON TO PRESIDE

Baltimore Conference of M. E.  
Church South Meets to-day.

Appointments to Charges for Evening Year Will Not Be Made  
Public Until Next Week.

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Roanoke, Va., March 24.—In 124th annual session, the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, will convene in this city at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Practically all of the 124 ministers and 60 lay delegates arrived here to-day, and heard the opening sermon, preached by Rev. A. M. Cackley, of Keyser, W. Va., in Greene Memorial Church, where the sessions of the conference will be held. Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of Baltimore, reached Roanoke this afternoon on a special train from Baltimore, and Washington, which bore also to the city, several hundred delegates. He will preside at the opening session to-morrow morning, but because of ill health, it is declared that he may delegate his duties to Bishop Candler, of Georgia, for the rest of the week.

The session to-morrow morning will be taken up with the reading of the presiding elders, the appointment of committees and the calling of the roll of supernumerary ministers. Committee work will occupy the entire afternoon. All delegates to the conference have been assigned to homes in the community, and this evening the streets of the city are filled with new arrivals.

The characteristic secretiveness of the delegates to the conference, allows no glimpse to be gained of many important matters that will come up in the future. The appointments to charges for the ensuing year will not take place until next Monday or Tuesday, just prior to adjournment of the body. Before these are made, the most interesting and impressive work of the conference will take place, when the characters of all delegates and ministers of this district will be placed in the limelight.

## Walker Reaches Salisbury.

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Salisbury, N. C., March 24.—In a walking contest covering 3,500 miles, Montana Joe, known as the champion long-distance walker of America, passed through Salisbury to-day, en route from El Paso, Tex., to New York City, his destination in the contest. He rolls a wheelbarrow weighing thirty pounds, in which he carries a complete camping outfit. He is due in New York April 15.

## Mrs. Lizzie Mays Dead.

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Lynchburg, Va., March 24.—Mrs. Lizzie Mays, wife of T. J. Mays, of Amherst, who lived about four miles from the city, died Sunday night of pneumonia. She was a member of the Baptist church, and is survived by her husband and six children.

## Their Complaint Placed on File.

In answer to Joseph Ludwig, Lawrence Kirk and H. C. Dickinson, who complained about the condition of Thirtieth street, from Brandywine street north to Grant road, the Commissioners have approved the recommendations of L. R. Grabbil, who stated that the protest should be placed in the suburban improvement file for reference in preparing future estimates, and that through the grade of Thirtieth street at Grant road has not been established, there will be a fill at that point of from ten to fifteen feet. A special appropriation will be required for the purpose.

## Lecture by Dr. Duncan.

The Unity Club, which meets this evening at 823 Sixth street northwest, will be favored with an address on "Some Impressions of ancient and modern Egypt," by Dr. George S. Duncan, who has but recently returned from that country. Mrs. A. G. Drake will sing.

## NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Much Business Transacted at  
City Council Meeting.

## REPORT ON SCHOOL BUILDING

Councilman Williams Declares He  
Is Not Satisfied with Conditions in  
Several of the Public Schools—Fireman  
Eheart Dies of Injuries Sustained  
in Wreck on Southern Road.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU,  
(Bell Telephone 49.)  
229 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., March 24.—At a meeting of the city council held to-night the report of the grand jury concerning the condition of the public schools of the city was read, and upon motion of Councilman Williams it was referred to the street committee and the city engineer.

When the report was received Councilman Williams asked that it be read. Following its reading, he announced that it disclosed some revelations. He referred to the bad condition of the girls' school, but said he felt satisfied that the school board would look after it. Mr. Williams asserted that similar conditions will be found to exist elsewhere upon examination.

A proposition of the Washington Southern Railway Company, was submitted by the street committee, to furnish all the necessary gravel and material for the improvement of Fayette street, between Duke and Princess streets, a distance of five blocks, provided the city would do the grading and curbing. The estimated cost of that work was \$2,000. Councilman Evans opposed the passage of the ordinance, owing to the fact, he stated, that only certain sections of the city can get anything done. He was vigorously opposed, and finally he withdrew his opposition, after which the chair announced that, owing to the fact that the appropriation was over \$1,000, it would have to go over until the next meeting, which was done.

Upon the recommendation of the street committee the sum of \$250 was appropriated for repaving the roadway on Fairfax street, between Orange and Pendleton streets, provided the Old Dominion Glass Company will furnish the necessary material. The sum of \$800 was appropriated for the use of the street committee to purchase gravel and other necessary material. The sum of \$150 was appropriated for a terra cotta sewer at the intersection of Cameron and Royal streets.

The action of the board of aldermen in referring to the joint committee on general laws, finance, and public property, a proposition of George D. Hopkins for the conveying of certain real estate to him now owned by the city, was concurred in.

The general laws committee reported favorably on an ordinance to prohibit lottery and other games of chance where dice are used, and their report was adopted.

The joint committee on public property and finance recommended that bids be submitted for the purchase of the old Hydraulion engine house, situated on the east side of Royal street, between Cameron and Queen streets.

The finance committee reported favorably on the annual license law for collecting taxes, and it was passed. Councilman Spinks introduced a resolution empowering the public property committee to ascertain the cost of the installation of water instead of gas heaters in the various fire engine houses, and the matter went over to that committee. Mr. Spinks also offered a resolution carrying with it an appropriation of \$2,500 for widening the fire escapes and making other improvements at the Lee School building for girls. The resolution was referred to the joint committee on schools and finance.

The sum of \$100 was appropriated, upon the recommendation of the finance committee, for improving the city fish wharf. The sum of \$200 was appropriated for installing wires for electricity in police headquarters and the various fire engine houses.

Councilman Leadbeater announced that he would like to have a report from the committee on general laws, finance, and public property, relative to the ordinance having for its object the extending of the city limits.

As the result of the overturning of a light engine, No. 129, over the Southern Railway at 11:30 o'clock this morning, at Bealeton, about fifty miles south of this city, Fireman C. E. Eheart sustained injuries from which he died at 7 o'clock to-night at his home at Charlottesville. Conductor H. C. Lewis, of this city, received a fracture of the arm. He came here following the accident, where he had his injuries dressed. Engineer Robert Newman escaped injury.

The injured fireman was conveyed to Charlottesville, where everything possible was done to save his life, but without success. The dead man was about twenty-two years of age and unmarried.

Edward Brown pleaded guilty in the Corporation Court this morning to holding up and shooting Thomas J. Schneider, and he also entered a plea of guilty to unlawfully entering a slaughter house, and entered a similar plea on a charge of grand larceny. For the first named offense he was sentenced to serve four years in the penitentiary, and for each of the other offenses one year, making a total of six years.

Fred Hicks, seventeen years of age, charged with similar offenses as those committed by Brown, pleaded guilty, and for shooting and holding up Schneider he was sentenced to serve two years in the reform school. He also entered a plea of guilty to the two other indictments, for

each of which he was sent to the reform school for one year, making a total of four years he will spend in that institution.

Announcement was made to-day by Julian J. Williams, a member of the city council from the Second ward, that he would be a candidate for mayor of the city in the Democratic primary which will be held June 9 next for the purpose of nominating a candidate. The result of a primary is equivalent to an election. The only other name mentioned in connection with the office are those of Hubert Snowden, president of the city council and editor of the Alexandria Gazette, and Mayor F. J. Paff.

Announcement of the death of Rev. John J. S. Ewell, formerly pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church here, who died yesterday at Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., was received in this city to-day. The deceased for six years was pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church here. Mr. J. H. Trimyer left here this evening for Christfield, Md., to attend the funeral. Besides being a member of the Methodist Protestant Church here, he will represent Old Dominion Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mount Vernon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

The remains of M. C. Morris, a former resident of this city, who died Sunday last at Strasburg, Va., were brought here this afternoon and interred in the Henderson vault, in the Methodist Protestant Cemetery.

Mrs. Janie E. Park, wife of Philip B. Park, died this morning at her home, in North Fayette street, following a brief illness.

The services of Coach C. W. Hecox, of Washington, have been secured by the members of the Old Dominion Boat Club, and they will start training April 15 next. The members of the club are planning for a big regatta, which will be held May 30 next, in which a number of prominent boat clubs will participate.

## WILL MEET IN ROANOKE.

Democratic State Convention Will Be Held June 11.

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Richmond, Va., March 24.—The State Democratic executive committee met in this city to-night for the purpose of deciding upon a time and place for the State convention, at which time delegates to the Denver convention will be named. Lynchburg, Norfolk, Roanoke, and Richmond were contestants for the honor of entertaining the convention, but all of them withdrew, with the exception of Roanoke, the city receiving the unanimous vote of the committee.

The convention will meet in Roanoke on June 11. The representation will be a delegate for every 100 votes or fraction of fifty cast in the last Presidential election.

A. P. Rowe, of Fredericksburg, was elected a member of the committee from the First district, to succeed H. H. Wallace, and R. H. Herndon, of Danville, was elected a member of the committee from the Fifth district, to succeed R. F. Tompkins.

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Montgomery was a witness for a few moments to-day. He denied that he had left Canada because he had trouble with a bank there.

Another witness was Frederick F. Searing, in whose office Montgomery has testified that Vidaver made a proposal to him that if he wanted the attacks of the attorney general's office stopped \$1,500 would be paid. Mr. Searing corroborated Montgomery's story, and added that he had advised Montgomery that he would be foolish to pay any money, "until the goods had been delivered."

The hearing will be continued to-morrow afternoon, when, it is expected it will be concluded.

## MR. TAWNEY TO SPEAK.

Government Estimates His Subject Before Accountants' Association.

James A. Tawney, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, will address the Association of American Government Accountants at its next meeting, to be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Public Library, at Ninth and K streets. The subject which Mr. Tawney will use as a text is "Estimates, appropriations, and reports." It is probable that he will tell the government accountants some of the difficulties from an accounting standpoint which the Committee on Appropriations finds in determining the necessity for the various appropriations. Suggestions may be made which will enable the legislative and executive branches to understand each other's viewpoint.

During the past two or three years various committees have brought together government employees of the several executive departments for the discussion of human subjects connected with administrative details of government work. A better understanding has resulted from these conferences, and both administrative and auditing officers probably know each other's needs more fully. Uniform practices have been introduced, and while some practices have increased, work in some places, they have more than offset that increase by cutting out unnecessary records in others. The Association of American Government Accountants provides an opportunity for continuing this work of education.

The results thus far secured warrant the belief that correspondingly valuable benefits may be obtained from a frank and free discussion of the detail work involved in the preparation of the government budget, or estimates for appropriation. If general principles to be followed can be set forth, showing what has been done and what is to be done, it is now proposed, it will without doubt, require the executive branch of the government to give close attention to the questions of economy and efficiency. However, if these results are obtained, it may be that Congress will then give to the departments and bureaus, when proper, the wider freedom of action, with which the directors of great corporations empower those departmental officers whose past work shows satisfactory results.

The public is invited to attend all of these meetings of the government accountants, which are held semi-monthly, and free discussion of the various subjects is encouraged.

## Gen. Grosvenor Gives Opinion.

"Bryan or any other man the Democrats may nominate, will not get more than 100 electoral votes, and Taft, or any man the Republicans nominate, will get the remainder," said Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor, former Representative from Ohio, once upon a time, and he repeated this assertion yesterday, when he called on the President in the White House. Report has it that Gen. Grosvenor will run as an independent candidate for Congress, against Representative Douglas, who defeated him two years ago. The general was asked concerning the report, but he refused to answer all questions.

## McConnell Discovers Vital Force

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